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SUBJ: EARLE-SEменов MEETING OF JUNE 30, 1977 (SALT TWO - 1256)

1. THREE-HOUR CHIEFS OF DELEGATION MEETING ON MIRV VERIFICATION WITH SEMENOV ON JUNE 30 WAS ATTENDED ALSO BY ROWNY AND TRUSOV. I REVIEWED CURRENT STATUS OF ISSUE IN TERMS OF THREE ASSOCIATIONS: PARTICULAR TYPE OF ICBM OR SLBM WITH MIRVS, PARTICULAR TYPE OF MIRVED ICBM OR SLBM WITH PARTICULAR LAUNCHER, AND PARTICULAR MIRVED LAUNCHER WITH LAUNCHERS IN THE FIELD. I CHARACTERIZED APPROACHES OF THE SIDES AS "SIMILAR" WITH RESPECT TO FIRST TWO ASSOCIATIONS AND CONCENTRATED ON THE THIRD AS THE MAJOR OUTSTANDING QUESTION WITH RESPECT TO MIRV VERIFICATION ISSUE.

2. SEMENOV'S REMARKS INDICATED AGREEMENT WITH MY CHARACTERIZATION OF STATUS OF FIRST TWO QUESTIONS OF ASSOCIATION. HE REPEATED HIS PREVIOUS ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF CONTENTION THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL OF JUNE 15 RESOLVES THIRD QUESTION AS WELL, PROVIDES FOR "PERFECTLY UNAMBIGUOUS ASSOCIATION", AND REPRESENTS "A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION" TO QUESTIONS OF MIRV VERIFICATION. SEMENOV, SETTING ASIDE DERAZHNYA AND PERVOMAYSK AS UNIQUE SITUATION FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE, ARGUED THAT COMBINATION OF JDT ARTICLES II.5 AND VI MEANS GENERAL ISSUE CAN BE RESOLVED UNDER SOVIET PROPOSALS, SINCE ALL FIXED ICBM MIRV LAUNCHERS IN FUTURE

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WILL BE RESULT OF CONVERSION. I SAID I UNDERSTOOD HIS LOGIC, BUT THAT GENERAL APPLICATION OF SOVIET-PROPOSED SOLUTION WAS UNDERMINED, FOR EXAMPLE, BY SITUATION AT D&P.

3. IN CONTEXT OF SOVIET-PROPOSED AGREED STATEMENT, SEMENOV ASKED FOR NUMBER OF MINUTEMAN II AND III LAUNCHERS DEPLOYED AT MALMSTROM. I DEFERRED RESPONSE.

4. IT SEEMS CLEAR THE GAP BETWEEN POSITIONS AND PROPOSALS
CONCERNING LAUNCHER-TO-LAUNCHER ASSOCIATION WAS NOT NARROWED.
WE AGREED TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT AT ANOTHER PRIVATE MEETING.
WE ALSO AGREED, AT SEMENOV'S INITIATIVE, TO REFER SOVIET PROPOSAL
OF JUNE 15 TO DRAFTING GROUP, BUT ON CONDITION THAT DISCUSSION
THERE WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO FIRST TWO PARTS OF ASSOCIATION
PROBLEM DESCRIBED IN PARA 1 ABOVE.EARLE

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